क्षेत्र के अन्दर शाखाएं खोलने के लिए स्वतंत्र हैं और इस प्रयोजन के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से अनुमति लेने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती है। राज्य सहकारी बैंक (एससीबी) अपनी आवश्यकता के अनुसार और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के अनुमोदन से अपनी शाखाएं खोल सकते हैं। चूंकि सम्बन्धित बैंक विद्यमान वाणिज्यिक प्रतिफल के आधार पर शाखाएं खोलने का निर्णय लेते हैं, अतः यह बताना सम्भव नहीं है कि वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान कितनी शाखाएं खोली जाएंगी।

दरभंगा जिले का अग्रणी बैंक, सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया ने सूचित किया है कि उन्हें त्रिमुहानी घाट, बड़ेड़ा, जिला दरभंगा, बिहार में बैंक शाखा खोलने के लिए अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है। बैंक ने प्रस्ताव की सम्भाव्यता का पता लगाने के लिए कार्रवाई प्रारम्भ कर दी है।

(ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान, जबकि बिहार में अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों की 11 शाखाएं खोली गई हैं, परन्तु राज्य सहकारी बैंक की कोई शाखा राज्य में नहीं खोली गई है।

Difference between TA of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted employees

3741. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMTI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale behind the steep difference between the transport allowance granted for Gazetted *vis-a-vis* non-Gazetted officers;

(b) whether Government are aware that it is literally not possible to commute with Rs. 100/- as transport allowance in large metropolitan centres;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to revise the measly allocation of Rs. 100/-to a large section of non-Gazetted employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (e) The Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended varying rates of Transport Allowance to Central Government employees to suitably compensate them for the cost incurred on account of commuting between the place of residence and the place of duty. The Government have accepted the recommendation and do not propose to modify the rates.

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम के राजकोट विभागीय मंडल के कर्मचारी

3742. **श्री अखिलेश दास:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम के राजकोट विभागीय मंडल में ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जो एक दशक से भी अधिक अवधि से राजकोट कार्यालय में तैनात हैं;

(ख) उनका विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या वहां इनकी लम्बी अवधि की तैनाती से तथा उनके एकाधिकार से निगम के कार्यों में लापरवाही पायी गई है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम के अध्यक्ष को इनका तत्काल तबादला करने के निर्देश दिए हैं, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० जनार्दनन): (क) और (ख) जीवन बीमा निगम ने सूचित किया है कि राजकोट मंडल कार्यालय में पिछले दस वर्षों से अधिक समय से नियुक्त कर्मचारियों की संख्या निम्नानुसार 100 है:

श्रेणी I	—	1
श्रेणी II	—	72
श्रेणी III	—	27

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) जीवन बीमा निगम के कर्मचारियों के स्थानान्तरण और उनकी तैनाती का मामला निगम का अपना आन्तरिक प्रशासनिक मामला है, और जिसके सम्बन्ध में सरकार का कोई हस्तक्षेप नहीं है।

Top Foreign Exchange Earners

3743. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the top ten foreign exchange earnings by individuals such as players, magi-

cians, singers, stars etc. serially during the last five years; and

(b) the foreign esxhange earnings of top ten industries for the same period, serially?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) There are no restrictions on inward remittances in foreign exchange. Therefore, it would not be possible to indicate exactly the top foreign exchange earners.

Private Vaults offering lockers Facilities

3744. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private vaults are operating all over the capital offering locker facilities to the clients to secure their valuables without any guidelines from the Reserve Bank of India as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 10th May, 1998; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether financial institutions not registered with Reserve Bank of India are also flourishing in the country;

(c) if answers to parts (a) & (b) above are in affirmative the details of RBI guidelines in the matter and the amount deposited with these illegal vaults and institutions; and

(d) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the providing of safe deposit vaults with locker facilities is not a Banking Business as defined in clause (B) of section 5 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. It is, however, one of the forms of business in which banking companies are permitted to engage under clause (A) of sub-section (1) of the section 6 of the Act. As such, neither the Non-Banking Companies, nor the firms are prohibited under the Act from carrying on the business of providing safe deposit vaults. Hence, providing the services of safe deposit lockers/vaults by a banking company or by any firm–individual, does not require the permission of the Reserve Bank of India nor has the Bank made any rules therefor. RBI has issued guidelines for operation of locker facilities by the public sector banks only laying down the guidelines of the manner of allotment locker, charging of rents etc.

(c) and (d) As Reserve Bank of India has not issued any guidelines for operation of locker facilities by the private firms/individuals etc., this information is not generated by the data monitoring system of RBI.

Implementation of Narasimham Committee Recommendations

3745. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make more changes in the banking sector following recommendations by the Narasimham Committee;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Narasimham Committee;

(c) whether Government propose to implement the Narasimham Committee's recommendations fully; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) The Committee on Banking Sector Reforms chaired by Shri M. Narasimham has submitted its Report to Government. Copies of the Report have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Committee's recommendations cover institutional, supervisory, legislative and banking policy as-